



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF COACHELLA VALLEY

August 2024

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Dear Boys & Girls Clubs Partners,

Our summer program kicked off in June and was a resounding success, primarily due to your generous support. Thanks to a grant from the **Discovery Land Company Foundation**, 79 children received free access to our all-day summer camps and programs. With the support of the foundation mentioned above and our other partners, we provided summer memberships for those in need, served daily meals, and distributed backpacks filled with school supplies. These resources made a significant difference in the lives of the children we serve, ensuring they had a fulfilling and educational summer.

Furthermore, your support has been instrumental in implementing specific educational programs and activities like the Diplomas2degrees (D2d) college-bound program, Healthy Habits nutritional program, and Summer Brain Gain, which is an initiative to combat summer learning loss. In addition to these educational-based programs, we also took kids to the movies, fishing, a Keystone leadership conference in Atlanta, and some went on a back-to-school shopping spree at Kohl's department store. Your partnership has allowed us to offer a comprehensive and enriching summer experience for these children.

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, our Youth Mental Health initiative, spear-headed by **Club alumna and licensed therapist, Raylene Amador**, is currently providing on-site therapy to our Club kids to address the mental health crisis impacted by many of our youth. Raylene has been visiting each Club one day per week and is working closely with the staff to recognize kids exhibiting concerning behaviors. Raylene meets one-on-one and in group settings with the kids to address issues such as anger, low self-esteem, bullying, anxiety, and or depression. She works with them on how to improve positive communication and interpersonal skills, role-play good vs bad behavior, and teaches them how to express their feelings effectively. We are fortunate to have Raylene help our kids learn to help themselves. This "much needed" program, which is raising the quality of life for many underserved youth and their families, is made possible by the support of **The Berger Foundation and The Houston Family Foundation**.



2024 Fishing Derby
The Lakes Country Club



Regal Movie Theater



Back-to-School Shopping at Kohl's



Raylene Amador
LMFT, Ray of Hope Counseling

Quinton Egson - *President & CEO*

CONGRATULATIONS

to our 2024-25 BGCCV college scholarship recipients! Boys & Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley, together with OneFuture, awarded \$103,000 to 22 of our Club kids this year! The 10th Annual Tony Reagins Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament, held on May 3, 2024, raised over \$100,000 for the BGCCV scholarship fund. To the committee members, players, sponsors and donors whose collaborative efforts raised a record amount of money for our Club kids, we say **"Thank You!"**



Dave Ison, Quinton Egson, Tony Reagins,
Jim Carmona, Tony Williams,
Juan Aleman, Jesse Carmona (center)



2024-25 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Blanca Almada
Grand Canyon University
Rayna Amador
Grand Canyon University
Yaire Cabrera
UMass Global
Daniel Cid
CSU San Marcos
Elizabeth Cota
Hope International University
Evelyn Dominguez
College of the Desert
Jonathan Gomez
CSU Sacramento
Monica Jimenez
CSU San Bernardino
Maria Lopez
College of the Desert
Rigoberto Lopez
College of the Desert
Karen Mendoza
CSU San Marcos
Miguel Millan
CSU San Bernardino
Adrian Montes
Southern NH University
Kymani Nix
Chason Smith College
Crystal Romero
CSU San Bernardino
Jose Romero
College of the Desert
Samuel Aguirre Romero
UC Riverside
Natasha Terrell
Berklee College of Music
Adriana Torres
UC Stanford
Francisco Torres
College of the Desert
Bernice Vaca
UC Riverside
Juan Velasquez
CSU Chico

2024 GRADUATES

America Hernandez-Guillen
San Diego State University
Itari Romero
CSU San Bernardino
Tony Williams, Jr.
University of Redlands

59th Southwestern Growers Invitational

will be held on September 20-22, 2024, at Bermuda Dunes Country Club. The car drawing will be held on Friday, September 20th at 5:00 pm at the BDCC Clubhouse.

We hope you will be able to join us - for more information or to purchase car tickets, please call our administrative office at (760) 836-1160.



Message from our Board Chair...

Our Clubhouses are a safe haven for so many of our Valley's youth, with safety being our top priority. I am happy to report that the roof repairs are complete, and our Club kids now have weather-proof structures to attend and enjoy! It's been a busy summer for BGCCV, and our kids are thriving and ready to start another school year, prepared with the tools and knowledge learned from our programs over the summer break. Join me in congratulating our 2024-25 college scholarship recipients and wish them the best as they begin or continue on their collegiate paths.

Lee Osborne



Fun, Friends, Hope, Opportunity... and it all starts with you!